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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Mark R. Wilkinson  
Serial No. : 10/055,542  
Filed : January 23, 2002  
For : SHAFT SEALING SYSTEM FOR A ROTARY  
MECHANICAL DEVICE  
Group Art Unit : 3676  
Examiner : Enoch E. Peavey  
Confirmation No. : 8854

July 27, 2004

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 6, 2004**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 6, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims at page 2.

Remarks begins at page 5.